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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS ON PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

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1. SUMMARY. AT COMMITTEE OF 24 MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
SEPT 12, WE EXPECT AUSTRALIA TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO

OPERATIVE PARAS 3 AND 4 OF NEW CUBAN RES, AND PERHAPS DELETION OF PARA 7. INDIA WILL URGE ADOPTION OF THESE AMENDMENTS. SWEDES MAY ALSO SUBMIT ONE OR TWO RELATIVELY NONCONTROVERSIAL AMENDMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. WE LEARNED SEPT 9 THAT FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON PUERTO RICO RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE OF 24 SEPT 8, INDIAN AMB JAIPAL CONTACTED AUSTRALIAN AMB TO SUGGEST THAT AUSTRALIA SUBMIT SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO NEW CUBAN RES ALONG LINES OF WORDING HAD BEEN WORKING TOWARD IN CONSENSUS EFFORTS. HE WOULD THEN IMMEDIATELY SPEAK IN THE COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THEM AND URGE OTHERS TO VOTE FOR THEM. AUSTRALIANS, JAIPAL, AND WE CONSULTED ON AMENDMENTS, AND AUSTRALIA HAS RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THEM.

3. PRECISE WORDING OF AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS IS STILL NOT CERTAIN, BUT WILL BE AS FOLLOWS OR VERY CLOSE TO IT:

(A) IN OPERATIVE PARA 3, DELETE "AFTER A COMPLETE TRANSFER OF POWERS BY THE US TO THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE" AND SUBSTITUTE: "IN COMPLETE AND FULL SOVEREIGNTY".

(B) IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4, CHANGE "CONSIDERS THAT THE" TO "CONSIDERS THAT ANY"; DELETE "HAVE BEEN CONTINUOUSLY SUBJECTED CONSTITUTE" AND SUBSTITUTE "ARE SUBJECTED CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD CONSTITUTE".

4. AUSTRALIANS MAY ALSO MOVE DELETION OF ENTIRE PARA 7, BUT JAIPAL BELIEVES THIS MAY NOT CARRY AND QUESTION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO CANBERRA FOR RECONSIDERATION.

5. SWEDEN IS SEEKING AUTHORIZATION TO INSERT PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF JULY 25, 1978 AND STATEMENT ISSUED BY AMB YOUNG ON AUGUST 28, 1978 IN WHICH HE SAID THE USG WOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF AN INVITATION FOR UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION OF A REFERENDUM IN PUERTO RICO. IT ANTICIPATES AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THIS AMENDMENT. SWEDEN MAY ALSO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 TO ADD A REFERENCE TO GA RESOLUTION 1541, BUT THIS IS LESS LIKELY.

6. THE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENTS NOTED ABOVE WILL DEPEND IN LARGE MEASURE ON HOW MANY DELEGATIONS VOTE ON THE MERITS RATHER THAN STANDING ASIDE AND ABSTAINING ACROSS THE BOARD. INDIA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS SHOULD CARRY SOME WEIGHT WITH THE NONALIGNED DELS.

7. THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET SEPT 12.
WHETHER THE VOTE WILL COME THEN OR BE PUT OFF FOR ANOTHER
DAY WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER DELEGATIONS REQUIRE A FURTHER
DELAY FOR INTIONS ON THE AMENDMENTS THAT ARE TO BE
SUBMITTED AT THAT MEETING. YOUNG

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